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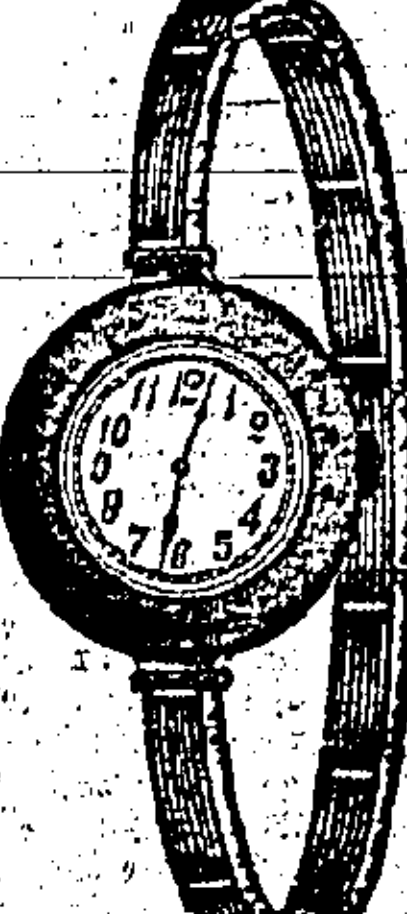
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**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.**  
Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, T.D.  
TRANSFER.  
No. 1508 Private C. W. Randall, from Civil Service Co. to R. K. Police Reserve (Motor Cyclist Patrol), dated 28.1.16.  
RESIGNATION.  
No. 1773 Sapper W. Smith's resignation to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 12.1.16.  
ENGINEER COMPANY.  
Belcher's Relief and "Hospitable Relief" for February are posted on the notice board at Headquarters for information of all concerned.  
PARADES.  
Parades for Friday, 28th inst.  
5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sections Army, Battery, (as detailed in Corps Order No. 4 dated 30.12.15)—10 p.m. gun-drill at Headquarters. Sarge. Bradley, R.G.A. will attend.  
5.15 p.m. No. 4 Section Scouts Co. (all members) Machine Gun Instruction at Headquarters.  
5.30 p.m. Engineer Co. Squad drill and Musketry exercises on Kowloon Cricket Club Ground, under Sarge. Major Higby.  
DETAIL.  
On duty to night, No. 1 Section Army, Battery.  
On duty from tomorrow to the morning of 4th Feb.—H.K.V.R.  
Orderly Officer until tomorrow morning—Lieut. Wall.  
**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.**  
Major Wakeman Commanding H.K.V.R.  
PARADES FOR FRIDAY THE 28th INSTANT, at 5.15 P.M.  
"B" Co., on the Cricket Ground. Dress: drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters. Uniform to be worn.  
DETAIL.  
On duty from morning of January 28th to the morning of February 4th: "C" Company.  
Orderly Officer for the same period: Lieut. C. H. Blagden.  
MUSKETY.  
Before the parade of "B" Company on Friday the 28th inst., it is proposed to have the Company photographed at 4.45 p.m. It is particularly requested that all members will attend at that time.  
**HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.**  
POLICE RESERVE MARCHES.  
Two Great Dances have been presented at the Police by Messrs. She Shu Tin and Mok Kon Sang. They are placed under the supervision of Inspector Wei Wing Sam, and will attend all Company and Combined Parades until further Orders.  
MUSKETY PART II.  
P. Co. of No. 3 Company and of No. 4 Platoon of No. 1 Company will fire on Sunday, January 30th, as per orders of January 26th and 27th.  
PARADES.  
Friday, January 28th.—All Company Inspectors and Sergeants. Latter with rifles.  
SAND PRACTICE.  
Friday, January 28th at 6 p.m.  
MUSKETY.  
Members of Nos 1 & 2 Companies may draw Helmsa from No. 10 on, and from Monday, January 31st.  
(Sgd.) F. O. JENSEN,  
D.S.P. (Reserve).

**NOTICE.**  
ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or INDIAN desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the name of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.  
If you happen to be late your ticket will be cancelled and you must apply for a new one. Only one application is allowed.









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**FRIDAY,**  
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of Ice House Street—  
AN ASSORTMENT OF  
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Comprising—

Sidboards, Dinner Wagon, Dining  
Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas,  
Arm-chairs, &c., Wardrobes and Toilet  
Tables, Double and Single Bedsteads, &c.,  
Miscellaneous Furniture, several lots of  
Blackwood Ware, One Set Saddlery  
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**SATURDAY,**  
the 29th January, 1916, at 11 a.m., at  
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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1916.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

**TUESDAY,**  
the 1st February, 1916, commencing at  
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner  
of Ice House Street,  
A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
**VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND  
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Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional  
Tables, &c., &c.; Dinner, Tea and Office  
Services, Crockery, Glass and E.P. Ware,  
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Brass Fenders,  
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Utensils, &c., &c.

Also  
Two good Pianos (one by Sterling,  
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FOR a good solid meal, a little of  
this **CHINA** with a little of  
the best **ALEXANDRA CAFE**.

## INTIMATIONS



**WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.**

**SEALED TENDERS** will be received  
at the Quarantine Office, Victoria  
Barracks, Hongkong, until 12  
o'clock Noon on the 24th day of February,  
1916, for Indian Supplies.  
Forms and other particulars may be  
obtained personally between the hours  
of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or by letter to the  
D.A.D. of Supplies and Transport, Victoria  
Barracks, Hongkong.  
Tender Forms must be properly filled  
up, signed and dated, and no tender will  
be considered unless made out on the  
proper form and delivered by 12 Noon on  
the above date in a closed envelope marked  
"Tender for Indian Supplies". Each  
tender must be accompanied by a deposit  
of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith. Such  
sum to be forfeited to the State if the  
Tenderer refuses to accept a Contract  
allotted to him, or to attend at Head-  
quarters Office when called upon.  
The right to reject all, or any, tenders  
is specially reserved.  
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1916.



**SANITARY BOARD OFFICE  
HONGKONG.**

**TO THE  
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.**

**TAKE NOTICE** that under No. 6 of the  
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and  
VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended),  
every Domestic Building or part of  
such building within the CENTRAL  
Division of the City of Victoria, and the  
WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied  
by Members of more than one family,  
except those within the European Reser-  
vation or in Kowloon South of Austin  
Road, or those parts of a Domestic building  
used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must  
be CLEANSED and LINENWASHED  
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the  
months of December and January.  
N.B.—The word "throughout" used in  
this Notice means that the houses should be  
linenwashed in respect of all the Walls of  
each Room, all Cupboards, Partitions, Chair-  
Covers and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and  
the Under-sides of "Roofs" in Main  
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters  
and inclusive of Verandahs.  
The Backyard must have its Containing  
Walls Linenwashed up to the level of the  
First Floor.  
Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork  
in good condition, however, need not be  
linenwashed, but must be Cleaned.  
The CENTRAL Division of the City  
between China Street and Peel  
Street to the East and Tank Lane, and  
Clerkenwell Street to the West.  
Kowloon is divided into the EASTERN  
and WESTERN Divisions by Nathan Road  
and a straight line drawn from the North  
end through the Tsimshui reservoir to  
the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

**W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,**  
Secretary.  
Dated this 24th day of January, 1916.

**WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.**

**SEALED TENDERS** will be received  
at the Quarantine Office, Victoria  
Barracks, Hongkong, until Noon on the  
Undersigned date for the following  
services:—

**MONDAY,**  
7th February, 1916.  
**THURSDAY,**  
10th February, 1916.  
**MONDAY,**  
14th February, 1916.  
**THURSDAY,**  
17th February, 1916.

Forms and other particulars may be  
obtained personally between the hours of  
10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or by letter to the  
D.A.D. of Supplies and Transport, Victoria  
Barracks, Hongkong.  
Tender Forms must be properly filled  
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proper form and delivered by 12 Noon on  
the above dates in a closed envelope  
marked "Tender for Forage, &c.". Each  
tender must be accompanied by a deposit  
of \$100—as a guarantee of good faith.  
Such sum to be forfeited to the State if  
the Tenderer refuses to accept a Contract  
allotted to him, or to attend at Head-  
quarters Office when called upon.  
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is specially reserved.  
Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1916.

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## FIRE ON THE "GLENOCLE."

**VESSEL REACHED ON-AUD BANK  
AT PENANG.**

**Penang, January 25.**

The steamer *Glenocle* was still burning  
this morning despite the efforts of  
the ship's officers and harbour officials.  
Three Europeans and three Chinese over-  
come by gas were brought ashore and  
taken to hospital where they were expect-  
ed to recover.

The steamer *Glenocle*, which runs  
between Amoy and the Straits, has had a  
serious fire on board her at Penang. An  
account in the *Penang Gazette* says:—  
There were about a thousand Chinese  
coolies on board, bound for Tavoy and they  
were much excited. The Harbour Board  
authorities, the Harbour Master, Captain  
D. G. Macgregor, the Marine Surveyor, the  
C.P.O., Captain S. R. Perkins, and the  
Chinese Protector were immediately in-  
formed of the occurrence, and these, accom-  
panied by others, arrived on the scene about  
half-past eight. In the meantime lighters  
had been brought alongside the *Glenocle* by  
the Government launches, and no time was  
lost in placing the coolies and their  
baggage in longkangs, which were towed to  
the Quarantine Station at Pulau Jerejak.  
Here they are still accommodated.  
The pumps from the harbour launches and  
also from water boats which had been  
regimented from the commencement,  
played on the fire steadily, but to little  
effect. It was then considered advisable  
to beach the steamer, and Capt. Perkins  
was entrusted with the task. With the  
assistance of tug boats he took the  
*Glenocle* to a mud bank in the South  
Channel and there she now lies, still  
burning.

The *Glenocle*, which is under the com-  
mand of Capt. Macgregor, arrived from Amoy  
via Singapore at 1 o'clock in the morning,  
and was scheduled to leave for Tavoy and  
Rangoon. She had a cargo of 20,000  
packages of Chinese merchandise for  
Penang, such as joss sticks, sugar, tea,  
papers, crackers, chairs, vegetables,  
matchboxes, flour, &c., &c. It is under-  
stood that most of the cargo had been  
discharged. The cause of the fire is not yet  
known, but investigations are being made.  
Great credit is due to Capt. Macgregor,  
Mr. F. T. Allen, Mr. R. H. Dornier for the  
manner they sustained the burning of the  
coolies in the lighters, for during the pause  
several attempts to jump overboard. No  
casualties have been reported.

The *Glenocle* had to be scuttled.  
The *Glennyle* is an iron screw vessel of  
3,750 tons, built at Glasgow in 1882, and  
owned by a Chinese firm of Rangoon. She  
is 43.5 feet long, 45.1 feet broad and 25.3  
feet beam.

**ADVANCES IN FREIGHTS.**

The London correspondent of the *Br-  
miningham Post* says:—  
It would seem that the steamship lines,  
which have recently assented to a consid-  
erable reduction upon the rates paid by  
the Admiralty for requisitioned vessels, are  
seeking in some instances to make the  
general trade furnish them with compen-  
sation. This appears to be the case in the  
further advances in freight rates that are  
being threatened or announced in  
various directions. If the Admiralty have  
been able to show to the shipping people that  
the rates they have been receiving for the  
last fifteen months are excessive, it should  
not be difficult to establish the same  
conclusion regarding freights for general  
merchandise; but so far from suggesting  
any relief, the tendency is to increase the  
rates. American shipping is following a  
similar course, and it is probable that the  
announcement was made without any  
warning, that all freights from New  
York to South Africa are immediately  
advanced four dollars per ton. On some  
Eastern routes British lines are declining  
to accept "weight" except under drastic  
limitations, and this will seriously affect  
current business in the metal trades.  
Further advances in freight likewise are  
threatened next month and the situation  
generally is causing export circles much  
concern.

**WOMAN RIDING INSTRUCTOR  
FOR OFFICERS.**

The war has caused a scarcity of riding  
masters and grooms, and posts of this kind  
are now being filled by women.  
During the past few days (says the *Times*  
of December 19th) a woman has been seen  
in the London parks acting as riding in-  
structor for parties of young officers who have  
joined the Royal Horse Artillery or some  
of the mounted regiments. She has had  
under her tuition as many as half-a-dozen  
young men whom she has been carefully  
coaching in his art of managing a horse.

In the neighbourhood of Reading are  
three Army horse depots staffed entirely  
by women members of the South Berks  
and neighbouring units who have placed  
their time and experience at the service of  
the country. They do the rough and  
hardest work—feed, clean, exercise,  
and generally tend the horses, of  
which there are a large number in each  
depot. They live together in farmhouses  
and are paid 10s. a week.

These "lady grooms" have undertaken  
the work at the invitation of Mr. Cecil  
Aldin, joint Master of the South Berks  
Hunt. Recently the General commanding  
the horse supply in this district paid a  
surprise visit to the depots, and reported  
that they were the best managed of any  
under his supervision.

**100,000 IRISHMEN ENLIST.**

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has sent  
out a second circular in support of Irish  
recruiting, in which he says:—  
"The year that has passed has seen  
100,000 Irishmen forsake civil life to take  
up arms overseas in defence of the lives  
and livelihoods and lands of those they have  
left behind."

"Since my first letter enough men to  
form six complete battalions have rallied  
to the support of those Irishmen who have  
already joined."

**"For the Blood is the Life."**

**YOUR BLOOD WANTS  
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**IF YOU** are troubled with Eczema,  
Eruptions, Spots, Pimples,  
Boils, Sores or Eruptions of any kind  
continually bursting through the skin.

**IF YOU** have that constant itching  
and inflammation of Piles.

All these are sure signs of clogging blood impurity, calling for immediate  
treatment through the blood, so don't waste your time and money on useless  
lotions and ointments which cannot get below the surface of the skin.  
What you want and what you must have is a medicine that will get right to the  
root of your trouble, a medicine that will thoroughly free the blood of the poison-  
ous matter which alone is the true cause of all your suffering. Clarke's Blood  
Mixture is just such a medicine. It is composed of ingredients which quickly attack,  
overcome, and expel from the blood all impurities (from whatever cause arising),  
and by rendering it clean and pure, can be relied on to effect a lasting cure.

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grateful patients of all classes, who  
who have been cured after doctors and  
hospitals have given them up as incur-  
able—patients who have been cured  
after trying many other treatments  
without success—patients who not  
only have been cured of the primary  
skin or blood complaint from which  
they were suffering, but also have  
found great improvement in their  
general health. (See pamphlet round  
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tous, &c. Of all Chemists and Store-  
keepers. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. SKIN & BLOOD DISEASES.

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## THE GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG.

**A SHANGHAI COMMENT.**

The *N. C. Daily News* in an article  
regarding the petition which is being  
signed in the Colony for increased  
representation of the community on the  
Executive and Legislative Councils of the  
Colony says:—

Now the public of Hongkong, like that  
of Shanghai, is mainly interested in trade.  
It was trade which led to the island becom-  
ing a British Colony. The question is,  
therefore, whether from a trade point of  
view, the present constitution is good or  
whether it is one of the best suited to the  
progressive, vigorous times which lie in  
front of us. It may be contended, perhaps,  
that to Shanghai the matter is of no more  
than academic interest, that the affairs of  
Hongkong do not concern us and that  
we can very well leave them to work  
themselves out on their own lines, remem-  
bering the maxim that every community  
has the government which it deserves. We  
disagree. To us, we think, quite wrong to  
assume that British interests in the Far  
East can be treated as though they were  
separated off into water-tight compartments.  
That is a policy which has been pursued  
far too much in the past and one that is  
regrettable for a good deal. The time has  
come when it must be abandoned for a  
policy conceived and carried out on far more  
comprehensive lines. The trade interests  
of Hongkong and Shanghai are very closely  
connected. A slump there affects us here;  
good times here react on British merchants  
in the south. Accordingly, in taking it  
upon ourselves to discuss questions of  
Hongkong's administration we have no  
wish to mind other people's business.  
We are merely giving our vote on a  
question which affects not Hongkong alone  
but Shanghai also.

For the core of the matter is this, that  
however well intentioned Government  
officials may be, they rarely take quite the  
same lively interest in the affairs of a  
commercial community as the members of  
the community do themselves. Their  
interest is negative rather than positive,  
static rather than dynamic. They are  
there to protect and safeguard,  
rather than to stimulate and experiment.  
And it is above all things stimulation  
and experiment that British  
trade needs at the present time. It is to  
be carried triumphantly to the greater  
destinies which its past deserves it must  
have behind it the vigorous volition of  
those who are directly interested. It may  
be argued, perhaps, that the present con-  
stitution of Hongkong does not ensure the  
exercise of volition in commercial affairs.  
Our reply is that it does and must because  
ingrained in the nature of every British  
community is a desire to take a hand,  
a real hand, in its own governance,  
and a repression in that direction has  
the effect of a fatal psychological  
effect in others. And anybody who knows  
Hongkong and Shanghai sufficiently well to  
compare the two will, we think, readily  
admit that the latter forms by far the  
livelier and more enterprising community.

Why? Largely because from its earliest  
days Shanghai has held its destiny in its  
own hands, because it elects its governing  
body, holds ratepayers' meetings and can  
give corporate expression to its desires.  
It is responsible to itself, and the  
exercise of that responsibility acts as a  
stimulus to its progress. Hongkong, on  
the other hand, is just as great as  
Shanghai and its future will be governed  
by the factors that govern ours. It cannot,  
therefore, afford to be any less wide-  
awake, which it will continue to be as long  
as its governance affords as little scope as  
it does at present to the "unofficial"  
member.

**GERMAN SETTLEMENTS IN  
CHINA.**

In the House of Commons on the 21st  
ult. Sir E. Curzon wished to know  
whether the Foreign Office had received  
the scheme drafted by the German  
Ministry for dealing with the agitation  
in the German settlements in China, and  
whether in that case he could state its  
nature. Lord R. Cecil: The answer is  
in the negative.

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## THE DIARY.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Hongkong Stock Exchange: Settlement Day for January.  
 Noon.—Distribution of Prizes at Bellini Public School by Lady May.  
 3.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

## General Memoranda.

Saturday, Jan. 29.  
 11 a.m.—Prize Giving at the Eli Kadoret School by Hon. Mr. C. Severn.  
 11 a.m.—Auction of Sugar Matting, Grass Bags etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
 8 p.m.—Prize Distribution at St. Joseph's College by Bishop Foran.  
 Sunday, Jan. 30.—  
 9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by a.s. "Tahiti".  
 Monday, Jan. 31.—  
 Noon.—Distribution of Prizes at Queen's College by H. E. the Governor.  
 9.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., in the City Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 1.  
 11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co's. Meeting.  
 11.45 a.m.—H.K. Central Estate's Meeting.  
 Noon.—H.K. Land Investment and Agency Co's. Meeting.  
 12.15 p.m.—H.K. Land Reclamation Co's. Meeting.  
 Thursday, Feb. 3.—  
 Chinese New Year Day.  
 Public Holiday.  
 Saturday, Feb. 5.—  
 Police Reserve Annual Dinner.  
 Monday, Feb. 7.—  
 6.30 p.m.—St. Joseph's College Association's Annual Meeting.

## VISITING CARDS

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## THE PANAMA CANAL.

THE delay which has occurred in reopening the Panama Canal attests in itself the seriousness of the trouble caused by the landslides, and it must be very disappointing to everybody interested in the new waterway to learn that Colonel Goethals, the Engineer-in-Chief, is even yet unable to say when the Canal will be re-opened to traffic, "because of the uncertainty regarding the movement of the slides," as the telegram had it. The latest slides have evidently proved far more serious than they were at first believed to be, and we notice in an American contemporary a statement by Professor MILLER, who occupies the chair of Geology at Lehigh University, to the effect that uninterrupted service through the Canal must not be expected for several years. The Professor, who has recently visited the Canal, said that anyone who has not been in the region can scarcely appreciate the extent to which the slides extend. In the Culebra cut cracks have formed more than thirteen hundred feet back from the canal, and all the ground intervening is gradually moving toward the cut. Macadamised roads, constructed where the earth was supposed to be stable, have been destroyed by the movement, and scores of houses have had to be moved to save them. When he said that transportation companies intending to use the canal should realize that they must not expect uninterrupted service for several years, he expressed the opinion that during the dry season the canal may be open, but he thought it is certain to be closed during the rainy season when the earth is soaked with water and its movement toward the canal facilitated. When the canal is re-opened we shall doubtless learn what the engineers think on the subject. We can safely assume that they are doing all they can to ensure uninterrupted service, because they must realize that so long as shipowners have any fear that the Canal may be interrupted by slides they will be very chary of dispatching ships by that route.

## SCOTS AND SWEDES.

For a few hours last month the people of Edinburgh forgot all about wars and rumours of wars, and devoted themselves to giving a welcome to a Swedish Mission to the country. Its members were received by the Lord Provost, there was a drive round the sights of Edinburgh, and the proceedings wound up with a dinner, the Corporation has passed a self-denying ordinance as to drinks, but it was agreed that "for this occasion only," the proceedings should be "wet," not "dry." The friendship between Sweden and Scotland is deep-rooted in the past. "The Scots have always been a poor and pugnacious race, and settled all

over Europe wherever hard knock, were to be exchanged and a few placks and bawbees were to be collected," and on no country have they left a more enduring influence of race than on Sweden. The Scots received powerful reinforcement during the wars of Gustavus Adolphus, when Scottish soldiers of fortune and Scottish regiments fought under the banner of the Lion King of the North against that Empire with which we are fighting to-day. The epic of that earlier struggle is enshrined, as Lord ROSEBURY, with his happy gift for literary illustration, pointed out in an after-dinner speech, in the life history of DOUGLAS DALGUTH, the picturesque hero of Scott's "Legend of Montrose," who, though he had fought under VALLENSTEIN, regarded GUSTAVUS as the only true Knight. The connection then made has endured; and at this day there can be traced a strong Scottish strain in the best blood of Sweden, derived from the Scottish warriors who settled in the country when their fighting days were over, and the long-drawn-out warfare had come to an end.

DOUGLASS' SWARM in Sweden, HAMILTONS are plentiful, even Lord ROSEBURY'S own family name of PRIMROSE, by no means common in Scotland,—is often found. These and other old associations between the two countries are well worth remembering in the days of broken faiths and treacherous friendships; and the Swedish delegates were sent home with the knowledge that Scotland still regards their nation as an historic and trusted ally. In reply to the expression of good wishes, Baron ADELSSVARD, ex-Minister of Finance and leader of the Mission, referred to the German "activist" agitation, and stated that it was engineered by a few individuals, possessed of no political authority. "We in Sweden," he added, "regard the movement as finished. All the old sympathies for Britain and France exist to-day as strong as they existed before the war. These assurances are in accordance with the best informed opinion in Great Britain.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day is the Kaiser's birthday. He is 57 years of age.  
 To-morrow is "Settlement" Day for our local Stock Exchange.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, liquidators of Messrs. O. J. Gump & Co., are advertising a clearance sale, discounts ranging from 25% to 50% for cash.

A married woman named Hor Chai Siu living at 15 Gage Street has reported to the Police the theft last midnight of jewellery valued at \$811 and \$35 in cash.

On and after the 1st February a mail will be closed at Sheungwan Branch Post Office daily at 7.30 a.m. for Macao, excepting Sundays when the mail will be closed at 8.30 a.m.

Several parcels of shirts, socks, etc., have been sent off by the English Mail from the Ladies Working Party, Union Church to Lieut.-Colonel Yau's Agnew, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Scottish Horse.

While playing on the deck of the s.s. "Ho Kan" when alongside the Company's Wharf, a Chinese boy aged 8 years, named Kwong Sze, fell overboard and was drowned. The body was recovered and artificial respiration tried by the European Officers but without success.

An armed robbery is reported from the Un Kung village, Anau district. Four men carrying knives broke into a farmer's house, bound the occupants, ransacked drawers and lockers, and decamped with 98 and some jewellery and clothing the value of which has not been given.

The Post Office notifies the public that in posting parcels to or receiving parcels from any country other than the United Kingdom or any British Possession a permit to export or import is required. The necessary forms (which must be made in duplicate) may be obtained at the Parcel counter of the General Post Office. In the case of imported parcels full particulars must be given as to the actual origin of the goods contained, supported (if necessary) by the certificate of a British Consul at the port from which they were received.

## GROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## THE MAGISTRATE.

## AN OPIUM CASE.

A fine of \$100 or one month's hard labour was the sentence on a Chinese this morning for being in possession of nine tins of opium dress.

## POCKET-PICKING CHARGE.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared to defend and ask for the remand of a charge against a Chinese accused of pocket-picking in Wing Lok street. Complainant said his pocket contained \$3.10. The case was adjourned until to-morrow, bail being allowed in the sum of \$1,000.

## STOLE FROM HIS MASTER.

A Chinese youth of 17 years admitted to Mr. Hazeland the theft from his master at 146 Shanghai Street, Yamat, of a watch and several articles of clothing valued at \$17.30. Detective Sergt. Willis prosecuted, observing that the articles were recovered from a pawn shop.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' and four hours' exposure.

## CHINESE PASSENGER STABBED.

Two Chinese on board the s.s. "Ping-may" yesterday morning attacked a passenger, stabbing him twice in the abdomen. The s.s. is supposed to be the outcome of a gambling dispute. The incident occurred as the vessel was entering the harbour. The Police flag was hoisted and subsequently the wounded man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he is lying in a dangerous condition.

Two men were arrested and brought before Mr. Hazeland this morning on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm.

Answering an enquiry by Mr. Hazeland, Inspector Gordon said he could not say if the man would die, but the doctor regarded his condition as extremely serious.

Defendants pleaded "Not guilty" and were remanded.

The Magistrate mentioned that if the doctor's intimation warranted it, he would take the wounded man's statement in Hospital.

## THE OLD, OLD STORY.

## THEIR PLAUSTRABLE STORY DISBELIEVED.

"I was standing by the stall and a man took the single, and ran away. Then he threw them down and the detective arrested me, thinking I had taken them," was the statement of a Chinese accused of the larceny of two thick winter singlets. A stall-joki swore he saw defendant throw the singlets away. The owner of the stall said he actually saw defendant walk by the shop and lift the singlets. He did not chase defendant as he could not run.

His Worship asked defendant if he knew anyone in Hongkong who would say a good word for him.

Accused said he knew his friends but not their names.

"Will your principal tenant say anything for you?"

Inspector McDonald said the man slept in the street while defendant, in Chinese said he did not think "his principal tenant" would come.

Accused said he was sent out by the Police yesterday to point out his friends but they had not come.

"Curiously enough," interposed Inspector McDonald, "each of the five he pointed out is known to the Police."

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

## THE SEAMAN'S JOKE.

## DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A "FEMALE."

An American youth, named Gilbert Nelson Vally, perpetrated a joke on Tuesday last which, fortunately for him, was regarded as a trivial affair by the Captain Superintendent of Police, and consequently he was mulcted by the Magistrate only in the very nominal penalty of \$5.

Vally was charged at the instigation of the Captain Superintendent, with not giving proper information and with furnishing false information on Tuesday when staying at the Tokyo Hotel. He was shown the register of the Hotel in which he admitted writing his name as "Nelson Vally, B.O.," that he arrived on "January 24," that his destination was "Japan," and that the steamer in which he was going to make the trip was the "Empress of Japan."

Chief Detective Inspector Morrison: He also described himself as a "female" (laughter).

The officer said defendant actually arrived on January 25th. He was a seaman on the "Empress of Japan," which traded between Hongkong and Vancouver.

Defendant: I am the boatman's boy. The Magistrate asked when the Empress boat was leaving and was informed on February 2nd, via Shanghai and Nagasaki, for Vancouver.

Asked why he did it, defendant said he did not know. He had been on board a long time and wanted to have a good time. It was put up to him to do, and he did not think what he was doing. When he got to his room he scratched his head and thought he would go downstairs and obliterate the information before he got into trouble, but he did not do it.

The Magistrate: What view does the Police take of it?

Inspector Morrison said the Captain Superintendent of Police had asked for a nominal fine to be inflicted.

"Because the Police ask for a nominal fine, that does not mean that I do not

regard the offence as serious," observed the Magistrate.

Defendant remarked that he knew that. In imposing a fine of \$5 the Magistrate said that sort of nonsense would not be allowed.

Dr. Moore and Dr. MacFarlane gave evidence this afternoon in the West Point stabbing affair. There are two defendants, one being charged with stabbing a shop-folk and stealing a ring tray containing a number of rings, valued at \$8.0. The second defendant is also charged with the theft of rings.

## THE GILMAN STREET ROBBERY.

The hearing was continued in Mr. Wood's Court this afternoon of a charge against three Chinese of armed robbery at 57 Gilman Street and stealing \$1,900 and a cheque for \$200.

Mr. Sheaton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, prosecuted, and the first and second defendants were represented by Mr. Kong Sing and Mr. P. X. D'Almada, respectively.

Answering Mr. Kong Sing's complaint denied having commissioned anyone to purchase opium.

Interrogated by Mr. D'Almada's complainant said he never went to 80 Ka Shing Street with the three defendants on the morning of the robbery.

The hearing was again adjourned.

## INTERNATIONAL FRICTION AT MACAO.

It will be remembered that some years ago when negotiations were being conducted for the delimitation of the boundaries of the Colony of Macao, the Chinese Government maintained that Wanchai, territory opposite to Macao, was Chinese territory and that the inner harbour was common to both the Chinese and Portuguese. The Portuguese main- tained that the harbour belonged to Macao, and that the jurisdiction of the Portuguese authorities extended to high water mark on the shore opposite to Macao.

This question has never been settled, and during the past week two incidents have occurred which show the danger which arises from this failure to have the boundaries clearly defined.

The first incident arose out of some trouble on a junk. On the approach of the Chinese New Year it is customary for numbers of junks to ply in the inner harbour of Macao for the holiday. Some junkmen last Saturday, it appears, demanded wages before they were due, and their attitude was so menacing that the junk-owner, a woman, escaped from the boat in a sampan. She was pursued by the disappointed men, and her shouts of "save life" attracted the attention of a Portuguese police launch. The policeman on board, who by the way, was not in uniform, boarded the sampan for the purpose of ascertaining what the matter was, and fired a rifle into the air to frighten the robbers whom he supposed to be on the sampan. The boat being then close to the Chinese side of the harbour, Chinese soldiers appeared and seized the Portuguese policeman whom they marched off to China. The Portuguese authorities demanded his release, and the policeman was returned to Macao on Monday.

On Tuesday there was a still more disturbing incident in the harbour, when considerable alarm was caused to the inhabitants by the sound of guns and rifles. It appears that a small gunboat entered the harbour, heading for China, a military station about four miles beyond Macao. The Portuguese shallow draught gunboat "Macau" fired a signal gun for the Chinese gunboat to stop and make a report before proceeding, but she paid no heed to the signal. Another gun was therefore fired by the Portuguese gunboat. The shot passed over the Chinese ship which at once replied by firing her machine gun. The Portuguese gunboat, perhaps because of the crowded state of the harbour, did not fire again, but ordered some steam launchers to pursue the Chinese gunboat. One of the launchers fired as a signal to the gunboat to stop, but the gunboat turned back, machine gun on to the launchers, which thereupon ceased to follow the gunboat. No one was hurt on the launchers.

On the matter being reported to the Governor of Macao, His Excellency ordered the guard on the territory to be strengthened, and the Police and Volunteers to be fully equipped.

## POLICE RESERVE CONCERT.

Members of the Police Reserves and their friends gathered in force at the Victoria Theatre last night for a special Police Reserve concert, half the gross proceeds of which are to help to defray the cost of the Police Reserve Band instruments.

The band itself, conducted by Mr. T. de Costa, rendered a couple of agreeable selections, a combined parade arranged by the bandmaster, and a selection from the "Bohemian Girl," while other special entertainers and their friends gave various items. Mr. J. Brooks sang "The Roseary" and "Slenderly," while Mr. J. Murray gave "Leader's" "Message Boy" song. A clever tambourine and bone solo by Messrs. Yeuner and George was enthusiastically applauded, as was some delicious foxtrot by Messrs. McGragor and Murphy as "Chinese" musicians. Mr. H. White was recalled for his violin solo, the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," and gave "The Broken Melody" (An Epique) as his second item, while Mr. A. B. Allen was equally successful with his humorous songs "The Old Tin Can" and "My Concentration." A Hyphen parody by Mr. T. Huxley and a burlesque solo by Messrs. Thomas and White were other good items, while the programme included a specially good selection of films, topical comic and dramatic. The hall was packed, and the concert was a big popular success.

## HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## INCREASED POVERTY CAUSED BY WAR.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held at the City Hall on noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. David Landale presided, and there were also present—Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Landale, Mrs. Chatham, Lady Ross Davies, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Edkins, Mrs. McKenny, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Shollin, Mrs. Stead, Miss Inners, Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Tinsall, Mrs. Patterson (Hon. Secretary), Miss Wilkinson (Assistant Hon. Secretary), Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Rev. W. Featherstone, and Mr. G. Anderson, American Consul-General.

The Chairman read the report of the Ladies' Committee which stated— This Society was founded in the year 1880, this therefore being the 36th Report issued by its Committee, while the record of cases helped during the past twelve months brings the number up to 1,402. There are 57 new cases entered in the books for the year, but others have applied who were not deemed eligible after investigation to receive more than gifts of clothing, and owing to the war, several of those who applied for help in 1914 have been receiving occasional assistance ever since. Twenty-six of these new applicants were men, including 6 American, 5 English, 1 Dutch, 1 Australian, 1 Greek, 1 Norwegian, 1 Indian, 2 Singapore, 2 Filipino and 4 Eurasian.

Those have all received assistance either by money, or by board being found for them in the Seamen's Institute or the Sailors' Home and by gifts of clothing. The devoted women helped were of nearly as many different nationalities. The boxes of clothing kept in the City Hall have been well used during the past year, several men, as well as women and children, being fitted with all they needed. The Secretary, or Assistant Secretary, is always at the City Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings at 11 o'clock to interview all cases for relief, and are glad to receive at those times gifts of clothing for men, women and children, especially the latter. Several very acceptable gifts of such garments have been sent during the past year, for which grateful thanks are now tendered. The passages of part passages have been paid for nine cases—chiefly of Americans stranded in Hongkong, and unable to obtain work, and desirous of going to Manila. They include 4 Manila, 1 Rangoon, 2 Penang, 2 America, 2 England—one of these last was that of a man sent home in 1914 by the Board of Trade, but the account was not received till the end of this year. The Grant from the Government of a sum equal to one half of the yearly subscriptions not exceeding \$500—enables the Society to pay the passages of such cases sent home by the Board of Trade and to assist others sent to the Committee by the Government. There are at present fourteen children being provided for by the Society in the various schools in the Colony; two little girls and one boy were left orphans in the summer with only an elder brother to look after them. He is an apprentice and earning barely sufficient to keep himself, so the Committee undertook the education of the family. One woman has received a small pension monthly, and one old pensioner has died. The thanks of the Committee are due especially to Commander Beckwith and to the Rev. W. Featherstone, who have given much time and trouble in helping by assistance and advice during the past year. Owing to the war, the Society has had many cases which could not otherwise have been helped but for the most generous gift from the Stewards of the Jockey Club of the sum of £2,238— for which the Committee publicly tender their most grateful thanks.

Cases helped during the year— An American who had lived some years in the Colony and whose livelihood was completely stopped by the war, has been enabled to leave the Colony with a passage given her to America. A Eurasian boy was helped to find work as an apprentice, and on the death of his mother, his two sisters and little brother were put to school in the Italian Convent and St. Joseph's College respectively, and are being educated by the Society.

A Singapore Christian Medical Missionary on a visit to Hongkong was stranded owing to the death of his son who helped to support him. He was given a passage to Rangoon where news was received of his safe arrival and deep gratitude to the Society for the help received.

A Russian woman was helped to join her husband—a soldier in India where he had been suddenly sent.

An Englishman kept in the Sailors' Home pending his being sent home by the Government.

Two men, eldest of a large family, from the Victoria Gaol with excellent characters from there, were helped to go to another port where news had been received of their being in work again and doing well.

A respectable English family in distress due to the war received much assistance here, and were enabled to return to England.

An Englishman out of work owing to the war and sick, was sent to the Matilda Hospital, and when recovered was given a passage to England with a view to joining the Army.

A Russian woman stranded in Hongkong with three children—help was asked by the Russian Consul on her behalf, and the Society paid the board and lodging during their stay until arrangements were made for her to join her husband in Australia.

A Chinese woman with a German husband, left without means to support three children, was brought to the notice

of the American Consul who secured help for her.

A Mauritanian woman with three children was helped to find work after undergoing an operation in the Matilda Hospital—her children being sent to school by the Society.

An Australian girl is being trained in the Italian Convent and helped with gifts of clothing.

An Englishman with wife and five children for whom work was found.

An Australian girl left in Hongkong alone by a Chinaman was given board and lodging in the Italian Convent until the Government should be able to send her back to her parents.

The balance sheet, presented by Mrs. M. Chatham, showed there was a balance in hand at the end of 1914 of \$1,479.51. The other credit items included—Grant from Government, \$800; interest on private fund, \$40; subscriptions, \$916; donations, \$1,017; raffles, \$208.75; income on China advances, \$890; interest on bank a/c, \$74.00; special donation from the Hongkong Jockey Club, \$2,238.17; total, \$7,124.13. The disbursements showed total \$4,600.11 and been spent in donations and relief of cases and thus the credit balance remaining was \$2,524.02.

The Chairman, before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, paid a warm tribute to the work of the society, which, he said, had increased owing to the unfortunate distress and suffering that had come out of the war, and attention had asked him to say that although the receipts had been larger during the year two donations and the amount paid out in relief had been much larger owing to the greater poverty caused by the war. The balance carried forward was a good one due chiefly to a donation from the Hongkong Jockey Club. It was desired to renew an application for that subscription he would be happy to do all that lay in his power. (Applause.)

Mr. ANDERSON, Consul-General for America, seconded the adoption of the accounts, said he was sure the whole community, and particularly the American community, were very grateful to the members of the Society for what the society was doing. The work was so thankless that it was usually done by women who had the milk of kindness greater than in the most of them. He advocated the building up of a strong reserve fund and observed that the Committee could foresee that the expenses would be heavier. Of all British territory, Hongkong was perhaps the least affected by the war and in such circumstances it was for them to have due regard to their responsibilities during the war.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp proposed the Ladies' Committee and officers for the ensuing year as under—Patron, Lady May; President, Mrs. Pollock; Vice-President, Mrs. Landale; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Chatham; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Patterson; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Miss Wilkinson. Committee: Lady Ross Davies, Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Forryth, Miss Innes; Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. McKenny, Mrs. Shollin, Mrs. Stubb and Mrs. Wolfe.

Mr. Kemp said the work of the Society was so well known and appreciated that it was hardly necessary to say anything about it. The community were always ready to express gratitude to the Committee for what they did for the Colony, and he thought of the members of the Committee and particularly those of the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary. Without the Society there would be a distinct gap in the organisation of the Colony. He expressed the regret that the Society felt of the illness of Mrs. Wolfe which forced her to give up the treasurer-ship and expressed the Committee's gratitude to Mrs. Chatham for accepting the position.

The Rev. W. Featherstone seconded and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Pollock proposed and Mr. W. L. Patterson seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO.

The General Statement of the Affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1914, shows that the net profit for the year, including \$692,680.11 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, amount to \$739,049.87. It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital, after providing for which and writing off Directors' and Auditors' Fees there remains a balance of \$668,224.87 to be carried to the Credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung retire from the Board of Directors, and offer themselves for re-election.

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SHANGHAI	TUESDAY, Feb. 1, Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAYUTTA	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2, Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAYUTTA	SATURDAY, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m.
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